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PROGRAM FOR NAVIGATING)	
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A. Non-English Language References

- ☐ Enclosed is a search report for a counterpart application. The search report Examiner has provided comments on the relevancy of any non-English language references cited in the search report.
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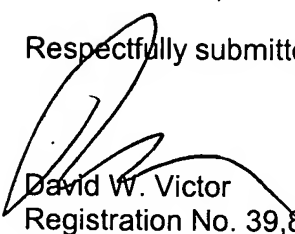
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